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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision mailed February 19, 2004 of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 5-12.

Applicant hereby submits the required filing fee of \$330.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(e).

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080437.49160US).

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